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wherein  $R^1$  represents an alkyl group having from about 6 to about 22 carbon atoms, each EO represents  $-CH_2CH_2O-$ , each PO independently represents  $-C(CH_3)HCH_2O-$  or  $-CH_2C(CH_3)HO-$ , and wherein  $n$  represents the average number of EO units present in each random fatty alcohol alkoxylate and has a value of from about 3 to about 5, and wherein  $m$  represents the average number of PO units present in each random fatty alcohol alkoxylate and has a value of from about 2 to about 2.5.

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amend

15. (Amended) A process for producing a mixture of polymers comprising random fatty alcohol alkoxylates according to the general formula (I) :



wherein  $R^1$  represents an alkyl group having from about 6 to about 22 carbon atoms, each EO represents  $-CH_2CH_2O-$ , each PO independently represents  $-C(CH_3)HCH_2O-$  or  $-CH_2C(CH_3)HO-$ , and wherein  $n$  represents the average number of EO units present in each random fatty alcohol alkoxylate and has a value of from about 3 to about 5, and wherein  $m$  represents the average number of PO units present in each random fatty alcohol alkoxylate and has a value of from about 2 to about 2.5; said process comprising reacting ethylene oxide, propylene oxide and fatty alcohol in the presence of an aqueous base, wherein the propylene oxide and the ethylene oxide are present during the reaction in a molar ratio of from about 10:90 to about 60:40.

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23. (Amended) A water-dilutable concentrate comprising an active ingredient and a surfactant, said surfactant comprising a mixture of polymers comprising random fatty alcohol alkoxylates according to the general formula (I):



wherein  $R^1$  represents an alkyl group having from about 6 to about 22 carbon atoms, each EO represents  $-CH_2CH_2O-$ , each PO independently represents  $-C(CH_3)HCH_2O-$  or  $-CH_2C(CH_3)HO-$ , wherein  $n$  represents the average number of EO units present in each random fatty alcohol alkoxylate and has a value of from about 3 to about 5, and wherein  $m$  represents the

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average number of PO units present in each random fatty alcohol alkoxylate and has a value of from about 2 to about 2.5.

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Please cancel claims 11-13 and 27-29, without prejudice.